

Under the Paperwork Reduction Project of March 1994A/PTO

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for Part 1449A/PTO

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

Application Number	09/709,918
--------------------	------------

Filing Date	11/9/2000
-------------	-----------

First Named Inventor	Daniel J. Branagan
----------------------	--------------------

Group Art Unit	1742
----------------	------

Examiner Name	Yee
---------------	-----

Attorney Docket Number	B-048
------------------------	-------

[illegible][illegible]

Deborah Yee

7-6-03

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST 2). ⁴ For international documents, the country code of the International Searching Authority (ISA) or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) should be entered.

3. Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the Reigen of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 2023